

Communication Matters

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Communication Matters is available on the web at: www.michigan.gov/mrs.

Serving Deaf & Hard of Hearing People

Breakouts at the 2004 Michigan Rehabilitation Conference

November 3-4,
Grand Traverse Resort
Traverse City

This year, the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns and the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing are conference co-sponsors. Consequently, a number of Breakout Sessions focus on aspects of serving people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. In addition, vendors who sell hearing assistive technology will be exhibiting.

See www.maro.org/mrc.html.

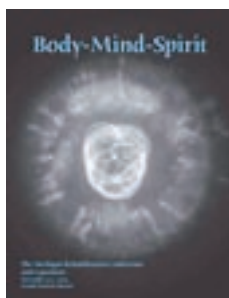
Communicating with Deaf: Crash ASL Course 1

Communicating with Deaf: Crash ASL course 2

Access in the Workplace for People with Hearing Loss: The Difference Between Success of Failure!

Beyond Hearing Aids: Assessing Workplace Impacts for People who are Hard of Hearing

Best Practices: Successful Youth Interventions in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community



Functional Assessment for Hard of Hearing Workers: Piloting a New Tool

A workplace assessment tool for individuals who are hard of hearing has been developed by Ann Liming, Hard of Hearing Specialist at the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Julie Eckhardt made revisions in the tool for use by rehabilitation counselors. The purpose of the tool is to identify functional limitations resulting from hearing loss. By more completely identifying workplace communication barriers, counselors will be better able to provide complete and appropriate services to these individuals. The tool may be used with people who are seeking employment or currently employed.

Both Ann and Julie have used the assessment with people experiencing difficulties in the workplace due to the impact of their hearing loss. It has been well received by people with hearing loss, and is useful for identifying the need for accommodations.

The next step is to "field-test" the assessment tool and incorporate feedback. If you would like to see the assessment tool, or try it out with a client (or yourself) who has a hearing loss, please contact Julie Eckhardt at 231/922-2943 or jewel@chartermi.net.

Be Strong in ASL

A Workshop: October 2 • 8:30- 4:30 pm
Sparrow Hospital, Auditorium in Lansing

This workshop will improve your ASL: Body and gaze shifting, classifiers, space components, etc. For more info e-mail to meginley@edzone.net

How to Own a Business For People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Sponsored by the Michigan Division on Deaf
and Hard of Hearing

September 25, 2004

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Lansing Community College

\$15 Includes Lunch and Handouts

Agenda includes:

- Which businesses are right for Deaf and HOH people?
- How to start a business;
- Communication problems and solutions;
- Marketing and advertising;
- Regulations, taxes and insurance;
- A Panel of Deaf and HOH Business Operators.

The flyer is online at: www.mcdc-dodhh.org/

For registration or information contact:

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Circle of Unity:

Pathways to Improving Outreach to American
Indians and Alaska Natives who are Deaf, Deaf-
Blind, and Hard of Hearing



Circle of Unity is a publication designed to improve outreach to this drastically under served population. Six experts from the fields of counseling, vocational rehabilitation, and cultural awareness compiled this overview of the differing social expectations that American Indians and Alaska natives with hearing loss must mitigate on a regular basis.

This document is available on E-Learn in the Deaf & HOH Resource Center or Julie Eckhardt can e-mail a pdf copy: jewel@chartermi.net

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ASL Skill Building Resources Available

A series of Interpreter skill building resources are available for FREE on CD-ROM. This series is produced by RSA Region V Interpreter Education Project at the College of St. Catherine in partnership with SLICES. Counselors and others desiring to improve sign language skills will also find these learning tools useful.

If you obtain any of these CDs, please make them available for interpreters to borrow also. Julie Eckhardt has a few of them that can be borrowed.

Topics include:

In Transition- Interactive Situations for Interpreting Practice on Transition to College

She Said! He Said! Monologues and Dialogues in ASL with Ketsi Carlson and Joshua Hottle

All in Due Time Perspectives on Childbirth from Deaf Parents

By the Book: Interpreting an Intake at a County Jail

Interactive Potpourri Six Interactive Situations for Interpreting Practice

Additional titles are available at the project website at: www.stkate.edu/project/ Click on CD-ROMs.

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